

IMPORTANT DATES
STMA Community Gardens
2024

Friday, March 1, 2024: Application materials and guidelines available at St. Michael City Hall, 11880 Town Center Drive NE, St. Michael, MN or at

March 1 - March 29, 2024: Applications, fees, and parking waivers accepted in person or by US Mail at St. Michael City Hall. Applications from returning gardeners in good standing will be given preference for plot assignments. New gardeners will be assigned a plot on a first-come, first-served basis. Large plots will be awarded only to gardeners who have successfully maintained a small plot in years past.

On or about April 8, 2024: Gardeners notified of their status. Gardeners who are placed on the waiting list will receive their garden fee back.

April 10, 2024, 7:00-7:45pm: Garden orientation meeting at St. Michael City Hall. This mandatory meeting will be an opportunity to receive your plot assignment, ask questions, meet other gardeners, and review the rules and operations of the community garden. You'll also be able to sign up for the garden work day and get a brief orientation on your jobs for that day.

April 20 or April 27, 2024, 8:00am-12:00pm: Community Garden work day. Plan to attend all or part of this work day. We'll be spreading mulch, pulling weeds, tilling garden plots, picking up trash, and maintaining the garden site. ****Please note that this work day is our chance to prepare and improve the garden site, NOT to work on our individual plots.** Friends, neighbors, and students who need community service hours are welcome to attend. (This date is subject to change due to weather and soil conditions. Watch your email for more information if the weather is very wet, cold, or severe.)

April 20 or April 27, 2024: Gardens will be open for the season. Gardeners may tend their individual plots.

May through October: Gardeners should plan to tend their plots a minimum of **2-3 times every week**. Questions, concerns, or problems should be reported immediately to the community garden coordinator by emailing growitstma@gmail.com.

Community garden volunteers will monitor the condition of garden plots. Participants who are not following the guidelines will be contacted by e-mail or phone.

October 13 or 20: Closing day for community gardens. All personal belongings, poles, fences, tools, and other items belonging to gardeners must be removed from the garden plots by this date. Gardeners who have weeded and tended plots throughout the season will receive their \$25 deposit back.

The STMA Community Gardens are a project of the City of St. Michael in cooperation with the STMA School District. The gardens are coordinated by volunteers. Questions about the STMA Community Gardens should be directed to (763) 416-7917 or e-mail GrowItSTMA@gmail.com.